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Shifting of Ramanathapuram headquarters from Madurai

* 637 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to shift the Headquarters offices of Ramanathapuram from Madurai to Ramanathapuram ?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: No, Sir.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMI: Sir, as the headquarters offices like the Collector's office, the District Registrar's office, and the District Court, are all located in Madurai, the people of Ramanathapuram are feeling extreme difficulty to go seventy or eighty miles to their district headquarters. Will the Government, in view of this fact at least, change the headquarters to Sivaganga or Ramanathapuram itself ?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: Some of the Ramanathapuram people themselves prefer to have the headquarters as it is, because they find it more convenient.

Mr. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, when they put interpellations, must elicit information and not give their view or make any recommendation on what they have in their minds. This is question–hour. Therefore I would again appeal to hon. Members to see, when they ask supplementary questions, that they put them solely for the purpose of eliciting information from the Government and not giving expression to their views.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM: Sir, what are the valid reasons that weigh with the Government in retaining the headquarters of the Ramanathapuram district at Madurai town itself ?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU: Because it is more centrally situated and serves the purpose of the Ramanathapuram people also well. Further, change of headquarters means finding buildings, accommodation, and all that, which is very difficult now.

Admission to Engineering Colleges

* 638 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of candidates who applied this year for admission to the Engineering Colleges in the State, and the number with distinction in two subjects;

(*b*) the number selected for each College;

(*c*) the number among them with distinction in two subjects; and

(*d*) the number of candidates with distinction in two and more subjects not selected ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Total number of candidates who applied was 2,947. Out of this, 455 obtained distinction